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ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT - CENTRAL THEMES OF
DEBATE

1. IN THE OPINION OF USUN, AMONG THE MOST
IMPORTANT CENTRAL THEMES OF THE SIX DAY DEBATE OF THE
ITEM IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF APPROXIMATELY 90
DELEGATIONS OR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES PARTICIPATED--
THEMES THAT USUN AND US DELEGATIONS TO VARIOUS UPCOMING
UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEETINGS WILL
REPEATEDLY HEAR AND BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE POSITIONS ON
OVER THE NEXT YEAR--ARE: 1) CONTRACTING AND
SUBCONTRACTING WITHIN UN SYSTEM; 2) THE STRONG DESIRE BY
THE MORE DEVELOPED OF THE LDC'S TO BE A OR THE MAJOR
SOURCE POINT OF MANY TYPES OF MULTILATERAL FUNDED
TECHNICAL AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE LDC'S
AND THE RLDC'S. 3) INSISTENCE OF MANY LDC'S THAT UN
SYSTEM (UNDP, UNIDO, OTHERS) BE A MAJOR FREE SOURCE OF
SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THEM. 4) NATIONALISM
AND THE MEDIOCRE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE BY UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES COMBINING WITH RESULT GROWING
NUMBER LDC'S NOW DEMANDING THEY BE GIVEN PRINCIPLE ROLE IN
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STAFFING, MONITORING AND OTHERWISE MANAGING MOST MULTILATERAL

(AND BILATERAL?) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INPUTS THEIR COUNTRY.
5) GROWING INTEREST IN GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL
PROJECTS. 6) AID TO LIBERATED TERRITORIES IN AFRICA
(SEE USUN 4830). 7) STRONG LA UNHAPPINESS WITH THE CONSENSUS
COMPROMISE DECISION REACHED 16TH GC OF UNDP RE CRITERIA
FOR IPF'S FOR SECOND CP CYCLE WHICH WELL MAY DESTROY
THAT DECISION'S PRESENT DELICATE BALANCE AT 17TH GC.
8) UNHAPPINESS WITH UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND ESPECIALLY
THEIR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION RATES. 9) HAPPINESS OF
NEARLY ALL COUNTRIES WITH UNICEF AND OF GOWING NUMBER WITH
UNFPA. 10) DESIRE OMNIBUS UNDP STATUTE BE APPROVED
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

2. SPECIFICS. 1) SUB-CONTRACTING. WHILE THE U.S.MAY BE LESS THAN
FULLY HAPPY ITS SHARE MANY OTHERS LED BY FINLAND, PAKISTAN,
BRAZIL WITH YUGOSLAVIA, EE'S AND OTHERS NOT FAR BEHIND
FAR MORE UNHAPPY AND PLANNING MAKE ISSUE OF LATTER AT 17TH
GC OF UNDP AND GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS OF SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES. (FINLAND) PLUS PUSHING FOR WORLD WIDE COMPETITIVE
BIDDING IN EACH SPECIALIZED AGENCY (FINLAND). BRAZIL
WANTS ADOPTION BY GC OF UNDP OF UNIFORM RULES RE
CONTRACTING AND SUB-CONTRACTING FOR ALL EXECUTING AGENCIES
PLUS BETTER GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION (DITTO EE'S). PAKISTAN
CLAIMED UNDP ALREADY HAD MEANS AND POWER AVAILABLE
TO IT FORCE EXECUTING AGENCIES MAKE NEEDED REFORMS. SWEDEN
SAID UN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING SHOULD TAKE
QUALITY OF BIDS MORE INTO ACCOUNT AS IBRD DOES. CANADA
WANTS UNDP TO MADE BROADER USE DIRECT CONTRACTING AND
SAID PER PARA 41 OF RES 2688 IT HAD THE AUTHORITY TO SO
ACT. PATEL, IN HIS BRIEF SUMMATION SEEMED TO AGREE WITH
EVERYONE, AS ONLY HE CAN. COMMENT. ITEM WILL BE CURRENT
AND CHOICE AT 17TH GC OF UNDP. USUN AND WASHINGTON SHOULD
BOTH TALK TO UNDP THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO GC AND PRIOR PRE-
PARATION US POSITION PAPER.

2) LDC TA AID TO OTHER LDC'S AND RLDC'S. BRAZIL,
ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, PAKISTAN, ISRAEL AND OTHERS
SAID THEY WERE PARTICULARLY QUALIFIED SERVE AS BRIDGE
BETWEEN DC'S AND LESS DEVELOPED LDC'S AND LOOKED TO UNDP
INCLUDING REGIONAL PROJECTS AND THE UNCDF INTER ALIA AS
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FUNDING SOURCES PERMIT THEM GREATLY EXPAND THEIR TA EFFORTS.

3) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER - 1970'S FINDS SECOND GENERATION
OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE JUST BEGINNING IN EYES MANY LDC'S,
A GENERATION CALLING FOR NEW APPROACHES WHICH HAVE
RECIPIENT AS PLANNING CENTER PIECE; INDIGINEOUS, SPECIALLY
TAILORED S AND T CAPABILITY AS HIGHEST PRIORITY (BRAZIL AND OTHERS);
IMMEDIATE NEED GIVES EVEN RLDC'S TOOLS TO BUILD UP TEHIR

OWN INSTITUTIONS; NEED FOR UNDP DO MORE WITH NEW AREAS SUCH AS URBAN MIGRATION, INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY NEEDS, NON-FORMAL EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE MARKETING RESERACH AND PROMOTION; SPECIAL EFFORT TO FIND AND USE MORE INPUTS (TECHNICANS, PROJECT MANAGERS, EQUIPMENT, RESERACH INSTITUTIONS) AVAILABLE IN RECIPIENT COUNTRY; AND REGIONAL PROJECTS AS A DEVICE WHEREBY A BLOC OF COUNTRIES (SUCH AS ANDEAN ZONE COUNTRIES) CAN HAVE DEVELOPED FOR THEM--FOR FREE--VARIOUS SOPHISTICATED, WELL-RESEARCHED STRATEGIES AND ARGUMENTS THEY CAN USE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA TO PUSH IMPORTANT ENDS THEY SEEK IN SUCH AREAS AS TRADE PREFERENCES, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND PATENTS, MONETARY MATTERS, COMMODITY MATTERS, NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION, ETC.

OTHER POINTS FOLLOW IN SEPARATE CABLES.
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